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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The reference cited on attached form PTO-1449 is being called to the attention of the Examiner. A copy thereof is enclosed.

The above reference is considered pertinent in that it relates to highly viscous fluids, and further because it was cited against applicant's counterpart European patent application No. 99811032.4. Also attached is a copy of the Search Report by the European Patent Office (together with an English translation thereof) in which this reference was cited and which lists the U.S. patent numbers corresponding to the cited foreign references.

It is respectfully requested that the cited references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and the references be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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